

[Translation]

for full supply of bridge coke to States?

Bridge Coke to States

3593. ALI ASHRAF FATMI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the small scale industries are not getting bridge coke and are at the verge of closure as a result of wrong policies of the B.C.C.L.;

(b) if not, the State-wise demand of bridge coke made by the small scale industries and the supply thereof during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Presumably the Honourable Member is referring to supply of "Breeze Coke". Breeze coke is generated due to disintegration of hard coke in handling. Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) is supplying breeze coke to users to the extent of its availability. BCCL is not aware of some units being on verge of closure for want of breeze coke.

(b) Demand of breeze coke has not been assessed State-wise. However, supply of breeze coke by BCCL to users in various States both by rail and road, during the last three years is given as under:

(Figures in tonnes)

| State | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Bihar | 29267 | 39913 | 30573 |
| U.P. | 10108 | 5606 | 7330 |
| West Bengal | 9909 | 18723 | 2478 |
| Rajasthan | 3715 | 1520 | — |
| Chandigarh | — | 200 | — |
| Haryana | 1606 | 1298 | 1034 |
| Punjab | 990 | 902 | 1210 |
| Grand Total | 55595 | 68162 | 42625 |

(c) Major quantity of breeze coke is generated in Steel Plants, Durgapur Projects Ltd. (DPL), Fertilizers Corporation Ltd. (FCI) and various other private cokeries and production in BCCL is comparatively very small. BCCL basically supplies raw coal for production of Hard Coke by these units, which subsequently leads to generation of breeze coke. Efforts are being made to

increase the despatches of raw coal from BCCL to all consumers to meet their requirements of coal and coal products.

Digging of Wells in Bihar

3594. SHRISHAILENDRA MAHTO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: